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Russ Warn Turkey: Return Hijackers

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MOSCOW, Oct. 20—The Soviet government tonight warned that Turkish-Soviet relations may suffer if the father and son who hijacked a Soviet airliner to Turkey last week are not handed over.

Reports from Turkey said a lower court had ruled against extraditing the two, identified as Lithuanians Fransizskas Korelvo, 46, and his son, Argedas, 15, on the ground that their act was a political one in search of asylum. Reports said a final decision could take a week.

In the hijacking last Thursday a stewardess, Nadezhda, Kurchenko, 19, was killed and one crew member was seriously wounded. The two-engine plane and 46 passengers have been returned to the Soviet Union.

Propaganda Drive Begins

A full-fledged propaganda campaign has blossomed here with papers carrying "demands of indignant Soviet Citizens that the criminals-murderers be tried in a Soviet court."

The official government newspaper Izvestia tonight implied that the United States and its Central Intelligence Agency had intervened to prevent their extradition.

Izvestia cited as the basis for the charge of CIA intervention the arrival in Turkey of a representative of a Lithuanian liberation organization and addresses in the U. S. found in the hijackers' luggage.

"But is it in Turkey's national interest to cast shadows on relations with a neighboring

nation for the sake of a criminal pseudo-Lithuanian organization which serves the CIA?" Izvestia asked.

May Face Death

There is little doubt that at least the father would face a certain death sentence if extradited.

There is no extradition agreement between the Soviet Union and Turkey, but Izvestia cited a Turkish law which allows extradition. It also cited a recent resolution of the Interparliamentary union which it said calls for extradition.

The hijacking represented the first successful attempt by Soviet citizens to hijack internal flights to foreign countries.

The refusal of Turkish authorities to hand back the hijackers would set a precedent that Soviet authorities certainly would fear.

Stringent new security measures were made at Soviet airports. However, Soviet authorities still refuse to allow foreign airline representatives to search passengers, arguing that no foreign official has the right to conduct security checks in Russia.